

FROM THE PARISH

Christmas Carol Service will take place on Sunday 22nd December at 8.00pm in our Cathedral. All are welcome.

Cathedral Crib: A big thank you to the Men's Shed for all their hard work in preparing our amazing Crib. The Crib is located behind the Sanctuary.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closing on Tuesday 24th December at 3pm and will be re-opening on Thursday 2nd January at 9am. Wishing you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Parish Shop: The Parish Shop in the Gillooly Hall is open on Saturdays **from 11am to 2pm and after 10.30am and 12 Noon Sunday Masses.**

Sunday Collection: Income 15th December - €4,198 Restoration Fund €2—€178
Parish Expenditure - €5,735 (Heating & ESB €1,541)

Thank you for your ongoing contributions, we deeply appreciate your continued Financial support. Tap & Go System at the back of the Cathedral for donations.

FROM THE DIOCESE

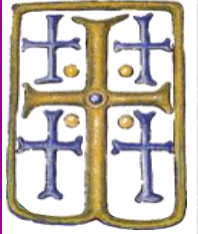
All Invited to Opening of Jubilee Year: During the weekend after Christmas, Bishop Kevin will open the Jubilee Year in the diocese of Elphin. On Sunday 29th December, we will gather in the Gillooly Hall, Sligo at 12 noon for a short liturgy and walk together to the Cathedral for Mass. We hope as many people as possible can participate at either of these liturgies in our two dioceses as we begin this special year of faith.

What is Jubilee Year 2025?: The Jubilee has its origins in an ancient biblical tradition (Leviticus). Every 50th year was celebrated as a time for setting slaves free, for forgiving debts, and for allowing the land to rest. In our Christian tradition the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can celebrate it at least once in a lifetime. The theme for the Jubilee 2025 is 'Pilgrims of Hope' (*Spes non Confundit - Hope Does Not Disappoint*). This theme of hope encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world. More information about the Jubilee Year in our two dioceses will be available in the New Year.

SeniorLine: Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary.



CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
SLIGO
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 22nd December 2024



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ADVENT PROGRAMME 2024-2025

Sunday 22nd December 8pm—Carol Service
Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

10pm

Wednesday Christmas Day 25th Mass 8.30am,
10.30am & 12 Noon

Thursday 26th—Friday 27th December Mass
10.30am

Saturday 28th December Mass 10.30am & 7pm

Sunday 29th December Mass 8.30am, 10.30am,
12 Noon & 7pm

**NB: The 12 Noon Mass will begin in the Gillooly
Hall to open the
Holy Year of Hope**

Monday 30th December—Thursday

2nd January Mass 10.30am

**NB: Tuesday 31st December New Years Eve
Exposition 10.30pm Mass 11.30pm**

Friday 3rd January Mass 10.30am & 7pm

Saturday 4th January Mass 10.30am & 7pm

Sunday 5th January Mass 8.30am, 10.30pm,
12 Noon & 7pm

Monday 6th January Mass 8.00am, 10.30am &
7pm

Confessions

Monday 23rd December after 10.30am Mass

Tuesday 24th December 2pm-5pm



Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Sligo, Restoration Fundraiser Appeal
'Buy a Tin of Paint' €50 per tin. Please contact the Parish Office 071 9162670 or the Parish Shop. Cheques made payable to Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account

4th Week of Advent, Monday 23rd December

St. John of Kanty, Priest (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Stephanie Sweeney (Anniversary)

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4th Week of Advent, Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve (Solemnity with Octave)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Maureen Mullen (Anniversary)

10pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)

Holy Day of Obligation in Ireland

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

12noon Mass

St. Stephen's Day, Thursday 26th December

St. Stephen, First Martyr (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

Friday 27th December

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Thomas & Mary McNiffe (Anniversary)

Saturday 28th December

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 29th December

1st Reading: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Eccles (Sir) 3:2-6, 12-14;

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21;

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52.

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are kindly asked for the repose of the soul of:

Arthur Crummy

MAY GOD GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST IN HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM, AND COMFORT AND
CONSOLE HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am-5pm & Friday: 9:30am-4pm 071 9162670

Email: info@sligocathedral.ie

If you would like to donate to the Cathedral Parish please make cheques payable
to the following A.I.B. bank account:

Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account.

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.